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Educational Institutions in J&K
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by the Government to open the educational institutions of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) which were closed during the recent spike in unrest in the State;
(b) whether it is a fact that lack of proper education is also being thought as a reason for the closure of the institutions along with the political unrest;
(c) if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether the State Government has submitted any proposal for the opening of educational institutions of the State;
(e) if so, the details thereof; and
(f) the number of educational institutions destroyed/attacked by antisocial elements and terrorist groups in the State and the steps taken by the Government to re-build the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)
(a) to (c) : The School Education Department of the State Government of Jammu & Kashmir has categorized the schools in terms of threat perception into three categories namely normal, sensitive and hypersensitive. All sensitive and hypersensitive schools have been provided round the clock watch and ward staff by redeploying the available manpower of education department. The measures taken by the State Government to protect the schools have resulted in thwarting 14 attempts to burn the schools during last one month. All schools remained open during the period of unrest. Recently, Board examinations have been conducted successfully in the State with 95% attendance.
Regarding Central Higher Educational Institutions (CHEIs), National Institute of Technology (NIT), Srinagar and Central University of Kashmir (CUK) have been reopened. NIT Srinagar has started its academic session. CUK held examinations for the final semester students in October, 2016 and declared results. Some of the measures taken to ensure the resumption and to make up for the loss of time are (i) adequate heating arrangements in the classrooms, hostels and dining halls to take care of cold conditions; (ii) more geysers were provided to hostels for hot water supply; (iii) winter vacation for Academic staff was cancelled; (iv) weekly contact hours for each course were increased etc.
(d) and (e) : No proposal has been received from the State Government of Jammu & Kashmir with regard to closed or burnt schools/central educational institutions in Kashmir Valley.
(f) : As per information received from the State Government of Jammu & Kashmir, in the last few months of unrest in Kashmir valley 31 school buildings, 14 fully and 17 partially, have been burnt.
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